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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION :	
FOR LICENSURE OF :	Administrative Action
ROBERT A. CAMPBELL :	
TO PRACTICE NURSING :	CONSENT ORDER
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of Robert A. Campbell's application for licensure by examination as a Licensed Practical Nurse, including certification and authorization for a criminal history background check. The criminal history background check revealed that the applicant had at least eight drug-related arrests and convictions, along with other criminal charges, in

the years from 1986 through 1991. The applicant had served multiple sentences in jail - four months, ten days, and 2-4 years.

The applicant failed to disclose any of this history on his application for licensure, answering "No" to the question which asked "Have you ever been summoned; arrested; taken into custody; indicted; tried; charged with; admitted into pre-trial intervention (P.T.I.); or pled guilty to any violation of law, ordinance, felony, misdemeanor or disorderly persons offense, in New Jersey, any other state, the District of Columbia or in any other jurisdiction?" and answering "No" to the question which asked "Have you ever been convicted of any crime or offense under any circumstances? This includes, but is not limited to, a plea of guilty, non vult, nolo contendere, no contest, or a finding of guilt by a judge or jury." On the certification and authorization form for a criminal history background check, the applicant answered "no" to the question which asked "Have you ever been arrested and/or convicted of a crime or offense?"

After learning the results of the criminal history background check, the applicant maintained that he misread the questions and thought they only pertained to criminal matters that occurred in New Jersey. The applicant provided certificates

of disposition for his criminal matters and also provided a certificate of good conduct, which

provides relief from forfeitures, disabilities or bars to employment and licensing automatically imposed by New York State law as a result of your conviction, except the right to possess weapons and the right to be eligible for public office. This certificate does not remove your record of conviction. Therefore, where an application or document requires the information, you should disclose your conviction and also the fact that you were granted this certificate.

(emphasis in original).

Besides failing to disclose his criminal history, the applicant provided conflicting information regarding his certification as an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B). The applicant answered "no" to the question which asked "Do you currently hold, or have you ever held, a professional license or certificate of any kind in New Jersey, any other state, District of Columbia or in any other jurisdiction?" (emphasis in original). The applicant failed to provide any information about any certificate, such as the type of certificate, the number, the state that issued the certificate, and the dates that the certificate was issued/expired. However, when the applicant provided further information after learning the results of his criminal history background check, he wrote that he has worked

"as a New York State EMT-B for the past three years for Eden Ambulance Corp [located in Paramus, New Jersey] at Bergen Regional Hospital [in New Jersey]."

The Board finds that the applicant has attempted to obtain a license through deception or misrepresentation within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(a) and has used dishonesty, deception, or misrepresentation in not disclosing his multiple arrests and convictions as well as his EMT-B certification on his application, which constitute violations of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

The Board having reviewed this matter, the applicant indicating that he no longer wishes to pursue licensure in New Jersey, but rather will apply in another state; the parties desiring to resolve this matter and the applicant seeking an expeditious resolution; in lieu of further proceedings and the applicant waiving any right to a hearing; and the Board having determined that the within Order is sufficiently protective of the public;

IT IS on this 4 day of March, 2015

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that:

1. Robert A. Campbell's application for licensure by examination as a Licensed Practical Nurse in the State of New Jersey is hereby denied.

2. Robert A. Campbell shall not submit another application for licensure to the New Jersey Board of Nursing for a minimum of three years from the filed date of this Order.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: _____



Patricia Murphy, PhD, APRN
Board President

I have read and understand the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I understand this Order has serious professional and legal import, and I have decided to enter into this agreement without legal counsel.



Robert A. Campbell